

I SHOT THE SHERIFF

- BOB MARLEY

CH Am Dm Am

VERSE F Em Am F Em Am

I SHOT THE SHE-RIFF BUT I DIDN'T SHOOT THE DEPUTY OH NO — NO —

ALL AROUND IN MY HOMETOWN THEY TRYING TO TRACK ME DOWN THEY

SAY THEY WANNA BRING ME IN GUILTY FOR THE KILLING OF A DE — PU — TY — FOR THE

LIFE OF A DE — PU — TY — BUT I SAY

UNISON FIGURE (DRUM FILL)

CHORUS 2: I shot the sheriff, but I swear it was in self-defense
I shot the sheriff, and they say it is a capital offense

VERSE 2: Sheriff John Brown always hated me, for what, I don't know
Every time I plant a seed, he say kill it before it grow,
He say kill them before they grow, and so...
(CHORUS 2)

VERSE 3: Freedom came my way one day, and I started out of town, yeh
All of a sudden I see sheriff John Brown, aiming to shoot me down
So I shot, I shot, I shot him down, and I say
(extra bar:) If I am guilty I will pay
(CHORUS 1)

VERSE 4: Reflexes had the better of me, but what is to be must be
Every day the bucket a-go-a-well, one day the bottom have a dropout
One day the bottom have a dropout, so I say...
(CHORUS 1)

DRUMS **GUITAR** **ORGAN**

BASS (CH) Am Dm Am

BASS (VERSE) F Em Am